

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Fourteenth Sunday of Year C

Bulletin 3rd July 2022



“Cry out with joy all the earth”.

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE - The guidance has changed and the rules relaxed. However, it is strongly recommended that face masks are worn and hands should be sanitized on entry to the Church.

WEEKDAY MASSES Wednesday & Friday 7.30pm.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

DECEASED: Grace Sweeney, Creeslough, Jim Fitzpatrick, Belfast

ANNIVERSARIES: Seamus Black, Jack Segerdahl, John Mullan,
Oliver McDonnell, Mary Elliott, John McCaughan

PARISH FINANCE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's parish collection.

PRAYER TO ST OLIVER PLUNKETT (Feast 1st July)

Glorious Martyr, Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter.

By your intercession and example may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women.

May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.

4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections for Year C: Luke

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Hand over to God

In the smallest of the details of our love and the biggest God is near. God is near with love and also with care. We might think of it as a powerful care – power not for himself but for us.

God's power enables us to do what we can't do ourselves, like people in AA who hand their lives over to the higher power each day. Sometimes we find when we are at our lowest God is at his strongest in our lives. Augustine wrote that when we love ourselves least, God loves us most.

Where do we find him, or rather where does God find us? God is present in all things – we don't have to go to Church or read the bible to find God, as God is present to us in many ways. God is in all of creation – love and friendship, a sunset or sunrise.

His hand is in our food and drink, our work, study, reflection and insights. He is ever present in our efforts to live well, to stay clean of drugs, alcohol or crime. God is in the midst of real life and in the centre of the soul is a space where nobody can enter without our welcome and invitation, and where God dwells.

When we see Jesus in action we know the kingdom is very near.

At Christmas we welcomed the kingdom, in the love for the poor, in the miracle of human birth.

At Easter we welcomed the kingdom as the place of eternity, of victory over death and pain, of justice over injustice. All the time welcoming the kingdom whose real power is love and whose hope still today is the coming of justice and peace.

Lord, may your kingdom come, and your will be done on Earth.